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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The tenth session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 19 to 30 April 1993. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 19 April 1993, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the tenth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the tenth session. In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, during a session the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention. In this connection, the Committee will have before it a report by the Secretary-General concerning the methods of work of other treaty bodies (CAT/C/23).

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

Initial reports

In accordance with rule 65 of its rules of procedure and the Committee's decisions, the Secretary-General continued sending reminders automatically to those States parties whose initial reports were more than 12 months overdue, and subsequent reminders every six months. In the case of reports which were more than three years overdue, the Chairman of the Committee, at its request, discussed the question of reporting obligations with the representatives of the States parties concerned or addressed a letter on the subject to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as appropriate.

Initial reports were due in 1988 from the 27 States parties listed in document CAT/C/5. On 24 July 1992, the Chairman of the Committee addressed a letter to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Togo and Uganda which had not yet submitted their initial reports due in 1988.

Under rule 65 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the two States parties whose initial reports were due in 1988 but had not been received as at 1 February 1993, are listed below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Togo	17 December 1988
Uganda	25 June 1988

In this connection, the Committee may recall that, at its seventh session, it had decided to invite Togo and Uganda to submit, in one document, both the initial reports, and supplementary reports that were due by 17 December 1992 and 25 June 1992, respectively.

Initial reports were due in 1989 from the 10 States parties listed in document CAT/C/7. The Chairman of the Committee, on 24 July 1992, addressed a letter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana with regard to the submission of the initial report by that State party, which was due on 17 June 1989. The initial report of Guyana had not been received as at 1 February 1993.

The 11 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1990 are listed in document CAT/C/9. The Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent on 8 January 1993, requested for the third or the fourth time, as appropriate, the States parties which had not yet submitted their initial reports in 1990 to do so as soon as possible. The names of the four States whose initial reports were due in 1990 but had not been received as at 1 February 1993, are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Brazil	27 October 1990
Guinea	8 November 1990
Poland	24 August 1990
Portugal	10 March 1990

The list of seven States parties whose initial reports were due in 1991 appears in document CAT/C/12. The Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent in September 1992 and January 1993, requested for the first or the second time, as appropriate, those States parties whose initial reports were overdue by more than 12 months to submit their report as soon as possible. The names of the three States whose initial reports were due in 1991 but had not been received as at 1 February 1993 are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Guatemala	3 February 1991
Malta	12 October 1991
Somalia	22 February 1991

The list of ten States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 appears in document CAT/C/16/Rev.1. The names of the nine States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 but had not been received by 1 February 1993 are given below:

State party	Date on which the initial report was due
Croatia	7 October 1992
Cyprus	16 August 1992
Estonia	19 November 1992
Israel	1 November 1992
Jordan	12 December 1992
Nepal	12 June 1992
Venezuela	27 August 1992
Yemen	4 December 1992
Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	9 October 1992

Periodic reports

First supplementary reports were due in 1992 from the 26 States parties listed in document CAT/C/17. The names of the 16 States parties whose supplementary reports had not been received by 1 February 1993 are given below:

State party	Date on which the first supplementary report was due
Afghanistan	25 June 1992
Austria	27 August 1992
Belize	25 June 1992
Bulgaria	25 June 1992
Cameroon	25 June 1992
Denmark	25 June 1992
Egypt	25 June 1992
France	25 June 1992
Luxembourg	28 October 1992
Philippines	25 June 1992
Russian Federation	25 June 1992
Senegal	25 June 1992
Switzerland	25 June 1992
Togo	17 December 1992
Uganda	25 June 1992
Uruguay	25 June 1992

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the tenth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tuesday, 20 April 1993	
Belize: initial report	CAT/C/5/Add.25
Canada: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.5
Wednesday, 21 April 1993	
Panama: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.7
Hungary: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.8
Thursday, 22 April 1993	
Sweden: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.9
China: additional report	CAT/C/7/Add.14
Friday, 23 April 1993	
Peru: initial report	CAT/C/7/Add.15
Spain: periodic report	CAT/C/17/Add.10

In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States Parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its tenth session and has invited them to designate representatives to attend those meetings of the Committee.

5. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item information which is, or appears to be, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 72 and 73 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

6. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are, or appear to be, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 101, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

7. Future meetings of the Committee

In accordance with rule 2 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall normally hold two regular sessions each year. Regular sessions of the Committee shall be convened at dates decided by the Committee in consultation with the Secretary-General, taking into account the calendar of conferences as approved by the General Assembly.

As the calendar of meetings held within the framework of the United Nations is submitted by the Secretary-General on a biennial basis for the approval of the Committee on Conferences and the General Assembly, the Committee may wish to take decisions under this item on the schedule of its meetings to be held in 1994 and 1995.

8. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session

(a) Annual report submitted by the Committee against Torture under article 24 of the Convention*

(b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

Under this item, the Committee will have before it General Assembly resolutions 47/111 and 47/113 of 16 December 1992 as well as the relevant resolutions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session.

9. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider a report by its representative to the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference (19-30 April 1993) on the results of that session and, in that light, any further contribution that the Committee may wish to make to the World Conference to be held in Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993.

10. Annual report of the Committee on its activities

In accordance with article 24 of the Convention, the Committee shall submit an annual report on its activities to the States parties and to the General Assembly.

At its second session, the Committee decided to adopt its annual report at the end of its spring session, for appropriate transmission to the General Assembly during the same calendar year. Accordingly, the annual report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session will include the activities of the Committee at its ninth and tenth sessions.

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* Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh session, Supplement No. 44 (A/47/44).